GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LAW ON SAFETY OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States are being encouraged to enact a law for safety of Dams;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have been so encouraged; and

(c) the amount of investment required for increasing the irrigation capacity in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Water Commission has prepared a draft bill on Dam Safety Act and after approval of the Ministry of Water Resources it was circulated to all the Member States of National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS).The NCDS has representation from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh,Jharkhand, Punjab and Uttranchal and three dam managing and operating organizations namely, Natinal Hydroelectric Power Corporation, Damodar Valley Corporation and Bhakra Beas Management Board.

(c) The increase in irrigation capacity in the country shall depend on the outlay being provided in the tenth five year plan for major and medium irrigation sector.